

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Ognyan Beremski on June 6, 2008.

The Specification has been amended as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend paragraphs [01] and [44] of the specification as follows:

[01] This application makes reference to, claims priority to, and claims the benefit of: United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/432,472 (~~Attorney Docket No. 44185US01-01001P-BP-2800~~) filed December 11, 2002; United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/443,894 (~~Attorney Docket No. 44274US01-01002P-BP-2801~~) filed January 30, 2003; United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/457,179 (~~Attorney Docket No. 44825US01-01015P-BP-2831~~) filed March 25, 2003; and

United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/445,006 (~~Attorney Docket No. 44287US01-04031P-BP-2812~~) filed February 5, 2003.

[44] Fig. 1C is a diagram illustrating an embodiment of the channel view 161 provided by the media processing unit 153 of Fig. 1B, in accordance with various aspects of the present invention. Referring to Fig. 1C, the channel view or channel guide 161 such as channel guide 120 may comprise a set of personal media channels 121 and a schedule 122. Media content titles that are associated with a certain media channel may be displayed on the channel view or channel guide 120 at particular scheduled times. The media content titles refer to the media content that is stored on the media processing unit 153. The media content may be displayed in a media guide, while devices and their corresponding media may be presented in a media view. United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/675,382[()](~~Attorney Docket No. 44276US02~~) filed September 30, 2003 and United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/675,467[()](~~Attorney Docket No. 44278US02~~) filed September 30, 2003 provides exemplary media view or guide, device view or guide, and channel view or guide, and are hereby incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-32 are pending in the instant application.

Claim 11 has been amended.

The claims have been amended below:

Listing of claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for porting information between locations in a communication network, the method comprising:

storing media and meta data associated with said stored media on a storage unit coupled to a communication device at a first location;

presenting based on said meta data associated with said stored media on said storage unit, a channel guide comprising representations of said stored media on a television in a second location, when said storage unit is transferred to said second location and coupled to a second communication device at said second location; and

in response to receiving a selection via said presented channel guide, displaying based on said meta data associated with stored media on said transferred storage unit, at least one media file corresponding to said received selection on at least one of said television and a media player in said second location.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said storage unit is a media processing unit.

3. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising receiving said stored media at said first location via at least one of a wired and a wireless interface.

4. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising displaying said meta data information associated with said displayed at least one file.

5. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising transferring at least a portion of said stored media from said storage unit to a storage device associated with said at least one of said television and a media player in said second location.

6. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 5, comprising storing at least a portion of said transferred stored media on said storage device associated with said at least one of said television and said media player in said second location.

7. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising scheduling said presenting of said representation of said stored media within said channel guide based on at least a portion of said stored meta data.

8. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising generating at least a portion of said meta data by said storage unit.

9. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising displaying meta data associated with said displayed at least one media file independent of said displaying of said at least one media file.

10. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising storing on said storage unit, at least one media file received from said second communication device when said storage unit is coupled to said second communication device.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon, a computer program when executed by a computer processor or memory, having at least one code section for porting information between locations in a communication network the at least one code section being executable by a computer for causing the computer to perform steps comprising:

storing media and meta data associated with said stored media on a storage unit coupled to a communication device at a first location;

presenting based on said metadata associated with said stored media on said storage unit, a channel guide comprising representations of said stored media on a

television in a second location, when said storage unit is transferred to said second location and coupled to a second communication device at said second location; and

in response to receiving a selection via said presented channel guide, displaying based on said metadata associated with said stored media on said transferred storage unit, at least one media file corresponding to said received selection on at least one of said television and a media player in said second location.

12. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, wherein said storage unit is a media processing unit.

13. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, comprising code for receiving said stored media at said first location via at least one of a wired and a wireless interface.

14. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, comprising code for displaying said meta data information associated with said displayed at least one file.

15. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, comprising code for transferring at least a portion of said stored media from said storage unit to a storage device associated with said at least one of said television and a media player in said second location.

16. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium according to claim 15, comprising code for causing at least a portion of said transferred stored media to be stored on said storage device associated with said at least one of said television and said media player in said second location.

17. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, comprising code for scheduling said presenting of said representation of said stored media within said channel guide based on at least a portion of said stored meta data.

18. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, comprising code for generating at least a portion of said meta data by said storage unit.

19. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, comprising code that causes meta data associated with said displayed at least one media file to be displayed independent of said displaying of said at least one media file.

20. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, comprising code for storing on said storage unit, at least one media file received from said second communication device when said storage unit is coupled to said second communication device.

21. (Previously Presented) A system for porting information between locations in a communication network, the system comprising:

a storage unit processor that stores media and meta data associated with said stored media on said storage unit coupled to a communication device at a first location;

said processor causes, based on said metadata associated with said stored media on said storage unit, a channel guide comprising representations of said stored media to be presented on a television in a second location, when said storage unit is transferred to said second location and coupled to a second communication device at said second location; and

in response to receiving a selection via said presented channel guide, said processor displays based on said metadata associated with said stored media on said transferred storage unit, at least one media file corresponding to said received selection on at least one of said television and a media player in said second location.

22. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein said storage unit is a media processing unit.

23. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein said processor receives said stored media at said first location via at least one of a wired and a wireless interface.

24. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein said processor causes display of said meta data information associated with said displayed at least one file.

25. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein said processor transfers at least a portion of said stored media from said storage unit to a storage device associated with said at least one of said television and a media player in said second location.

26. (Original) The system according to claim 25, wherein said processor causes storage of at least a portion of said transferred stored media on said storage device associated with said at least one of said television and said media player in said second location.

27. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein said processor schedules said presenting of said representation of said stored media within said channel guide based on at least a portion of said stored meta data.

28. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein said processor generates at least a portion of said meta data by said storage unit.

29. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein said processor causes display of meta data associated with said displayed at least one media file independent of said displaying of said at least one media file.

30. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein said processor stores on said storage unit, at least one media file received from said second communication device when said storage unit is coupled to said second communication device.

31. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein said processor further comprises a media exchange software processor.

32. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein said second location is a home.

Consideration of Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 101

Examiner considered claim rejections under 35 USC § 101 for claims 21-32. Applicant's particular "system" is according to applicant "coupled to the media processing system of the personal computer; personal computer 104 may comprise a desktop personal computer, a notebook computer, a handheld computer, a personal digital assistant PDA), or other computing device. (Specification, page 13, Paragraph

Art Unit: 2165

[0039] lines 9-11). Therefore, Examiner believes that no rejection under 35 USC § 101 is required.

Drawings

New corrected drawings of December 4, 2006 are in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Examiner formally withdraws the rejection under 35 USC 101.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-32 are allowed over the prior art made of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding Independent Claims 1, 11 and 21, the prior art of records do not teach the combination of claimed elements including: "presenting based on meta data associated stored media on a storage transferred storage unit having a channel guide of stored media on a television at a second location, the storage unit is transferred to a second location and coupled second communication device at a second location". Thus, prior art of record neither render obvious nor anticipates the combination of claimed elements in light of the specification.

Dependent claims 2-10, 12-20 and 22-32 are allowed at least by virtue of their dependencies from their pertinent independent claims.

After a further search and a thorough examination of the present application and in light of the prior art made of record, claims 1-32 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Diane D. Mizrahi whose telephone number is 571-272-4079. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (9:30 - 4:30 p.m.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christian Chase can be reached on (571) 272-4190. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306 for regular communications and (703) 305-3900 for After Final communication.

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